

## Freedom of Expression

### As Viewed by 'Liberals'

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WASHINGTON: It's amazing the way so-called "Liberals" and scientists who clamor about academic freedom react when the shoe is moved to the other foot.

This is the story of a case in point. It involves Eugene Rabinowitch, a research chemist at the University of Illinois and recognized as a leader in his field, who also serves as editor of a widely quoted monthly publication called the "Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists." He should stick to researching.

#### Delayed A-Bomb

Last Fall, the Henry Regnery Company published "The Secret War For The A-Bomb," by Medford Evans. One of the major theses of the book was that a good many scientists who worked on the atomic project were Communists, pro-Commies or just plain soft to Communism. Evans said they delayed development of fissionable material weapons, almost prevented their use, and nearly succeeded in handing them over to Soviet Russia.

The foreword to the book was written by James Burnham, one of the outstanding anti-Communist philosophers of our times.

The "American Committee for Cultural Freedom," an affiliate of the International Congress for Cultural Freedom, is an organization of scholars and writers set up for the avowed purpose of fighting any controls over academic thought and writings. Its membership includes several leading figures from the Fair-Dealing Americans For Democratic Action and other so-called Liberals, including Rabinowitch, plus a smattering of Conservatives. James Burnham is a member of its executive committee.

On November 17, Rabinowitch wrote a letter to the American Committee, saying that he wanted to raise a question before he paid \$5 to renew his membership.

The letter then went into a lengthy tirade against Evans and his book. He wound up by demanding that Burnham be expelled from the Committee because of his introduction to the Evans book and his laudatory words about it.

That is Rabinowitch's idea of freedom of expression and thought.